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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: CIA Attendance at Armed Forces Staff College

REFERENCE: Your Comments on Routing Sheet on Memo to
DDCI from DDA, dated 18 April 1977,
Subject: Quotas for the Armed Forces
Schools

1. Action Requested: This memorandum requests that you restore CIA participation in the Armed Forces Staff College (AFSC).

2. Background: Our experience in sending CIA personnel to the Armed Forces Staff College for many years has led us to conclude that it is a valuable short-term and cost-effective training opportunity, particularly for those employees who have dealings with the military. AFSC attendance provides CIA employees with a good knowledge of how the Department of Defense and the military services function.

We do not consider the AFSC to be in any way competitive with the senior war colleges. At least five Offices in the Directorate of Intelligence and the Directorate of Administration make profitable use of this course for their mid-level employees who might not be candidates for the more senior schools.

3. Recommendation: In view of the unique training opportunity that the AFSC offers, I recommend that you approve continuing participation of CIA personnel at the present level of eight employees per year.

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Attachment:
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APPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

DISAPPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

DATE:

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*I feel strongly
opposed to "show & tell"
lectures - no homework -
no curriculum*